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OUR SAINTED DEAD

These All Died in the Faith

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth. Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them."

DAVID ALLEN BODDIE
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Rev. Lula Wardlow (1938).....Montgomery, La.
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CONFERENCE ROLL

MINISTERS

Note: Figures on the left indicate the year of admission into the Conference.

Year	Name	Address
1897	Brown, G. J. L.	Ball, La.
1898	Hearne, E. O.	Chatham, La.
1901	Bartlett, M. E.	Phoenix, Arizona
1902	Shows, F. Lyman	Pollock, La.
1903	Dunn, W. S.	Grayson, La., R. F. D. No. 2
1903	Reid, J. F.	Winfield, La.
1904	Perdue, Mary E.	Atlanta, Texas
1910	Lee, J. W.	Columbna, La.
1910	Downs, J. R.	West Monroe, La.
1912	Griffin, B. F.	Atlanta, Texas
1912	Wardlow, Mrs. Lula	Montgomery, La.
1917	Strozier, James R.	Jena, La.
1921	Yeager, Ira L.	Monroe, La.
1920	Ragsdale, W. F.	Simmsboro, La.
1924	Walker, Richard M.	Jonesboro, La.
1921	McVey, G. A.	Montgomery, La.
1910-1927	Rockhold, G. W.	Jonesboro, La.
1898-1927	Patton, I. A.	West Monroe, La.
1928	Waller, W. T.	Dodson, La.
1929	Lee, Morris	Queen City, Texas
1931	Hearne, R. H.	Chatham, La.
1931	Hearne, F. L.	Kelley, La.
1931	Ramsey, Ola	Chatham, La.
1932	Blackburn, J. B.	Homer, La., R. F. D. No. 3
1932	Grant, Edwin H.	Grayson, La.
1932	LaCroix, H. E.	Tioga, La.
1933	Boddie, Luther A.	Pollock, La.
1933	Jones, James A.	Pineville, La.
1933	Cotton, C. J. T.	Goldonna, La.
1913-1933	Corley, E. W.	Downsville, La.
1934	Durbin, B. Paul	Athens, La.
1935	Garlington, Ezelle	Pollock, La.
1935	Calhoun, C. A.	Haynesville, La.

UNDER GRADUATES

Third Year

Charlie Moore	Ball, La.
Tommie Strickland	Montgomery, La.

Second Year

J. T. Garrett ..... Ball, La.

First Year

James W. Patton ..... West Monroe, La.
Miss Lizzie Lewis ..... Winfield, La.
Russell Kitchens .....

NOTE: Rev. Ezell Garlington wired the Conference stating that since he could not be present for ordination, requested the privilege of being ordained by the North Carolina Conference. This request was unanimously adopted.

Rev. Jack Wiggins not being present his ordination was postponed.

LAY REPRESENTATIVES

Place	Name	Address
Monroe	W. W. McDonald	Monroe, La.
Arcadia	T. L. Couser	Athens, La.
Bentley	E. E. Bailey	Ball, La.
Ansley	R. E. Crow, Jr.	Ansley, La.
Strickland	Rex Squires	
Chatham	John T. Head	Chatham, La.
Grayson	J. W. McKeithen	Grayson, La.
Kelley	E. L. Meredith	Kelley, La.
Jena	Mrs. Jessie Taylor	Jena, La.
Urania	Mrs. Fannie McCartney	Urania, La.
Dodson	C. H. Rushing	Dodson, La.
New Hope	Miss Annie Mae Gaar	Dodson, La.
Colfax	Norman Keller	Colfax, La.
Hicks	Mrs. W. L. Smith	Winfield, La.
Jonesboro	Otis Edwards	Jonesboro, La.
Luna	Crate Jorden	
Pine Grove	Claude Sawlesberry	
Campbells Chapel	T. I. Head	Pioneer, La.
Antioch	Mrs. Lizzie Golson	Chatham, La.
Winnfield	E. J. Dean	Winnfield, La.
Heflin		
Queen City	J. G. Moore	Queen City, Texas
Evergreen	Floyd Weeks	
Bastrop	J. R. Bonnet	Bastrop, La.
Mt. Nebo	Mrs. W. T. Hinton	Downsville, La.
Coulev	Edward Shaw	Grayson, La.
Bear Creek		
Sunrise		

SUPERANNUATED

"The hoary head is a crown of glory if it be found in the way of righteousness."

1914—W. M. PLATT
1933—E. A. DENNARD
1935—J. H. LEWIS
1935—H. H. CANTLEY

"And when hoary hairs shall your temples adorn, like lambs you shall still on my bosom be borne."

COMMITTEES

PERIODICALS
Paul Durbin
E. L. Meredith
T. L. Couser

MISSIONS
James A. Jones
Mrs. W. T. Hinton
Otis Edwards

PASTOR'S REPORT
J. R. Strozier
R. E. Crow, Jr.
R. H. Hearne

FINANCE
L. A. Boddie
J. W. McKeithen
W. W. McDonald

TEMPERANCE
Rev. Lula Wardlow
C. H. Rushing
Rex Squires

EDUCATION
F. L. Hearne
C. A. Calhoun
Norman Keller

DIVINE WORSHIP
E. W. Corley
John T. Head

By-Laws, Rules of Order
J. W. Lee
Ira L. Yeager
J. R. Downs

Official Character
E. O. Hearne
B. F. Griffin
T. I. Head

THANKS
C. J. T. Cotton
Mrs. P. C. Taylor
Walter Dunn

Superannuates Fund
Ira L. Yeager, Sec.-Treas
C. A. Calhoun
J. F. Reid

RESOLUTIONS
L. A. Boddie
F. L. Hearne
Morris Lee

Officers for Mutual Benefit Association

J. W. Lee.....President
F. Lyman Shows.....Secretary

Curriculum Committee for Ministerial Institute

C. A. Calhoun, J. W. Lee, F. Lyman Shows

Ira L. Yeager.....President
B. Paul Durbin.....Secretary

Committee for Superannuated Fund

Ira L. Yeager, secretary-treasurer.....3 Years
C. A. Calhoun.....2 Years
J. A. Reid.....1 Year

— PROCEEDINGS —

The 89th session of the Louisiana Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church convened at Chatham, La., October 25th, 1935, at 10:00 a. m.

The Conference was called to order by the President, Rev. F. Lyman Shows and the services were begun by the choir and congregation joining together in singing "Draw Me Nearer."

Prayer was offered by Rev. J. H. Lewis followed by a special song by Rev. Morris Lee and wife.

The President read the second chapter of the 1st Epistle of Peter; after commenting on same, he offered a fervent prayer and then declared the 89th session of the Louisiana Conference opened for business.

Rev. E. W. Corley, the host pastor, delivered the welcome address in a gracious and eloquent manner, insisting that we not have a business session only, but that we have a rich spiritual feast as well.

Rev. Winegart, pastor of the Baptist church, responded to this address, emphasizing the fundamentals of the Bible where all christians could meet on common grounds and enjoy christian fellowship.

The conference roll was called and corrected.

Upon motion the name of Rev. J. A. Riley was transferred to the roll of our honored dead.

The conference bar was fixed to include the three windows on the left of the building.

Upon motion the time for the conference to convene each day was fixed at 8:30 a. m. and 1:30 p. m.

The order of the day having arrived conference adjourned for opening sermon which was delivered by Rev. Jno. W. Lee.

Afternoon Session—First Day

Conference called to order by the President.

Devotionals by Rev. James A. Jones. Roll called and corrected.

Upon motion the Secretary was instructed to enroll the name of Rev. A. Deville upon the Ministerial Roll.

It was then moved and carried that Rev. A. Deville be granted a letter of standing.

Minutes of the morning session were read and adopted.

Rev. G. J. L. Brown was called to the chair. The President read his annual report which was adopted.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

To the Eighty-Ninth Session of the Louisiana Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church—Chatham, La.

Dear Brethren and Sisters, Greetings in Jesus Name:

I am happy to render this my annual report. Our Heavenly Father has been so very merciful and kind to us this year. Love and harmony has prevailed among our people throughout the conference, for which God is blessing. We have had a number of splendid revivals, resulting in the salvation of many souls, and a goodly number being added to the churches, which our pastors' report will show. There is a decided increase in the financial outlook and most of our people are hopeful of the future.

We have only lost one of our faithful ministers this year, that in the person of Rev. J. A. Riley, who was called to his reward in the early part of the year.

My activities for the year have been about the same as the two previous years. I have held about fifty quarterly conferences, held three revival meetings, and have preached from one to three times a week travelling in all about nineteen thousand miles.

Official Acts

About December 1st, 1934, I appointed Rev. E. O. Hearne associate pastor of the Monroe station. In January I received Rev. C. A. Calhoun's letter of standing from the Arkansas Conference and at his request I appointed him as an evangelist. Early in the year I also received the return of Rev. J. A. D. Williams' letter of standing.

In March I released Rev. Jack Wiggins from the Winfield church and some weeks later at their request I appointed Rev. L. A. Boddie as pastor, and then about Sept. 1st I released Rev. Bodie from Winfield.

Recommendations

First, I would suggest that we be much in prayer that God may lead us in all the deliberations of our conference.

Then I would recommend the careful planning for and carrying out of the program of the four special days as prescribed by the general conference, making the offerings as large as possible. Also we should not fail in making a special drive to raise the annual conference claim. Our Missionary Auxiliary work is going fine, but our pastors should cooperate with the state officers and see that we have an auxiliary in every church as near as possible.

The field is white and we should work while it is day.

Humbly and faithfully yours,

F. LYMAN SHOWS, President

Dr. J. A. Wade and Rev. W. O. Tesdale, ministers of the Arkansas Conference, were introduced to the Conference and invited to honorary seats.

The official hour to elect delegates to the General Conference having arrived the President appointed Rev. E. O. Hearne chairman of the election with Otis Edwards and J. T. Head, tellers.

Rev. J. W. Lee having received the highest number of votes was declared elected the ministerial delegate and Rev. F. Lyman Shows was declared elected alternate.

The vote for the lay delegate resulted in the election of Mr. J. W. McKeithen as delegate and Mr. W. W. McDonald, Sr., alternate.

The Conference then entered into the election of the annual conference officers.

The President appointed Rev. J. R. Strozier chairman, with B. F. Griffin and J. T. Head tellers.

Rev. F. Lyman Shows was re-elected President and upon motion the vote was made unanimous.

Upon motion the President was instructed to cast the conference ballot for the re-election of Mary E. Perdue as Secretary.

Upon motion the President was authorized to cast the Conference ballot for the re-election of Rev. Ira L. Yeager as Conference Treasurer.

Upon motion Rev. B. F. Griffin was elected Statistician.

Upon motion the same standing district committee was elected.

Upon motion the same Board of Church Extension was re-elected with the exception of one change. Rev. J. H. Lewis was elected to take the place of Rev. B. F. Griffin who had offered his resignation.

It was moved and carried that Rev. Lula Wardlow be re-elected to serve on the Board of Itenerancy and Orders for a term of three years.

Upon motion Rev. J. R. Strozier was re-elected member of the Executive Committee of the Young Peoples Work.

At this time Dr. J. A. Wade and Rev. W. O. Tesdale brought fraternal greetings from the Arkansas Conference, which were appreciated.

Committee on Itenerancy and Orders submitted report which was adopted.

ITINERANCY AND ORDERS

1st. We recommend that Ezell Garlington and Jack Wiggins, having satisfactorily passed the prescribed course of study, be elected to Elder's Orders.

2nd. That Charles Moore and Tommie Strickland be passed to the third year's course of study.

3rd. That J. F. Garrett be passed to the second year's course of study.

4th. That Jas. W. Patton and Miss Lizzie Lewis be retained in the first year's course of study.

5th. We further recommend that Russel Kitchens, coming properly recommended by his quarterly conference, be granted probationary relationship to this Conference and be placed in the first year's course of study.

6th. We further recommend that the quarterly conference in recommending persons for Itinerancy see that such persons have at least a high school education or its equivalent, and shall not exceed 35 years of age, and that the quarterly conference endeavor to give opportunity to make a place for such preachers as cannot qualify as itinerant preachers.

LULA WARDLOW
J. W. LEE
I. L. YEAGER, Committee

Motion to adjourn.

The pulpit was filled at the evening hour by Dr. J. A. Wade, pastor of the Church at Magnolia, Arkansas.

Morning Session—Second Day

Conference called to order promptly by the President.

Devotional by Rev. J. B. Blackburn. Roll was called and the minutes of the first day's session read and adopted.

R. M. Walker, G. W. Rockhold, Morris Lee, H. H. Cantley, J. F. Reid and Rev. Ola Ramsey submitted reports which were adopted.

The report of Rev. Mary E. Bartlett, superintendent of the Florence Crittenton Mission, Phoenix, Arizona, was read and adopted.

Upon motion Floyd Johnson was seated delegates from the Grayson church.

It was moved and carried that the request of Ezell Garlington concerning his ordination as stated in his telegram be granted.

Committee on Resolutions submitted report. Resolution No. 1 was referred to the Committee on Education. Resolution No. 2 was lost.

Charlie Moore, H. E. LaCroix, W. T. Waller and W. S. Dunn submitted reports which were adopted.

Committee on Missions submitted report which was adopted.

MISSIONS

We the committee on Missions submit the following recommendations:

1st. That our pastors acquaint themselves with the missionary program of our church and teach their people the urgent necessity for cooperating to the fullest extent in carrying out this program.

2nd. That we apply ourselves to the task of organizing new Auxiliaries where none exist and that we render full cooperation to the leaders of the Louisiana branch.

3rd. That since our Board of Missions is experiencing some diffi-

culties through lack of funds, that each of the Charges and Stations make every effort possible to pay its assessments in full, and that all special days be observed. Stress being placed on the offering.

4th. That our preachers do missionary work in new fields trying to enlarge our bounds whenever and wherever he can do so without impairing pastoral duties. Respectfully submitted:

O. C. EDWARDS
MRS. W. T. HINTON
JAS. A. JONES, Committee

Committee on By-Laws and Rules of Order recommended no changes made.

Committee on Periodicals submitted report which with some changes was adopted.

PERIODICALS

Inasmuch as the printing presses of our land and country are printing and sending out issues in the form of books, magazines and newspapers that have a tendency to poison the minds and lower the high moral standards of our country;

We hereby recommend that each pastor warn their people to beware of such literature and to do all within their power to secure clean wholesome literature for the churches and surrounding community.

We further urge upon our churches to use our own literature in Sunday School and patronize our own publishing company and put forth a greater effort in putting our church paper "The Methodist Protestant Recorder" in every home.

B. PAUL DURBIN
E. L. MEREDITH
T. L. COUSER, Committee.

Committee on Finance submitted report which was adopted.

FINANCE

The Finance Committee offers the following report:

1. That the World Service budget be $1,000.00, each church to raise the amount of said budget equal to 15 per cent of the pastor's salary.

2. That the annual conference claims be fixed at $600.00 to be raised by each member of the churches of this conference paying a penny for each year of his or her age; and that said claims be apportioned as follows:

Church Extension	20 per cent
Conference journal	25 per cent
Conference secretary	20 per cent
Conference treasurer	10 per cent
Superannuated fund	10 per cent
Contingent fund	15 per cent

3. That the President's salary be equal to 15 per cent of pastor's salary up to $400 00, and then equal to 12½ per cent of the balance of the pastor's salary.

4. That those who are or who have been selected by the authorities of Westminister College, Tehuacana, Texas, to solicit funds in this conference be allowed to do so.

5. That those who are missionaries and evangelists who are not

assigned pastors in this conference be assessed $5.00 for conference president's salary.

Faithfully submitted
L. A. BODIE
W. W. McDONALD
F. G. JOHNSTON, Committee

Committee on Education submitted report which was adopted.

EDUCATION

We your Committee on Education beg leave to submit the following:

1. We recommend that a ministerial institute be held during this conference year for the purpose of offering such helpful courses conducive to the spiritual and intellectual benefit of our ministers.

a. That a curricula committee be elected by this conference whose duty it will be to arrange courses of study.

b. That a chairman and secretary of this institute be elected by this conference whose duties it will be to take care of all official duties incumbent upon these officers and to properly inform every minister of the conference as to time and place of meeting.

c. That expenses of this Institute be taken care of with 5 per cent of all general and annual conference benevolences before any other distribution is made.

d. That every minister of the conference be urged to attend this Institute.

F. L. HEARNE
N. E. KELLER
C. A. CALHOUN, Committee

Committee on Temperance submitted report which was adopted.

TEMPERANCE

We the committee on Temperance submit this report:

Temperance in its entirety has a broad sweep, including not only strong drink, but the use of tobacco, narcotics, Sabbath desecrating, the use of profane language and anything used to the extent that it would be harmful to our physical and spiritual welfare.

The Methodist Protestant church throughout its history has taken a stand against these evils. Since the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment the ravages of intemperance are continually on the increase in all its forms. People are meeting tragic deaths upon the highways through the effects of strong drink. The cigarette factories are manufacturing more and more cigarettes—more and more cigarettes to supply the ever increasing demand from both men and women. The Sabbath day which the Lord commanded that we should remember to keep it holy is being desecrated to that extent that it grieves God's people in their hearts.

Therefore, we recommend that the Louisiana Conference take a definite stand against these evils and that each pastor preach one or more sermons on temperance during each conference year.

LULA WARDLOW
REX SOUYRES
C. H. RUSHING

Committee on Pastor's report submitted report which was adopted.

PASTORS' REPORTS

We, the Committee on Pastors' Reports, have checked the reports of 27 pastors and have made corrections where they should be according to our knowledge and ability and are willing to pass on same.

R. E. CROWE, Jr.
R. H. HEARNE
JAMES R. STROZIER, Committee

The Curriculum Committee for the Ministerial Institute was elected.

J. W. Lee, Rev. Lula Wardlow and L. A. Bodie were appointed as a committee to draft resolution concerning the Mutual Benefit Association.

Motion to adjourn.

The eleven o'clock service was under the auspices of the Womans Missionary Auxiliaries of the District.

The missionary society from the Ansley church had charge of the program which was beautifully rendered at the high school building.

Afternoon Session—Second Day

Conference was called to order by the President.

Devotionals by Rev. Lula Wardlow. Prayer by Rev. Mary E. Perdue followed by special song by the "Cook Trio."

The roll was called and the minutes of the morning session read and adopted.

Rev. G.J.L. Brown submitted report which was adopted.

It was moved and carried that a committee be appointed to formulate some plan relative to forming a permanent Superannuated fund.

At this time our connectional officers Dr. Sutton, President of Westminister College, Tehaucanua, Texas, and Dr. Frank Stephenson, presented to us in a brotherly manner the general needs of our beloved Zion.

At the close of Dr. Sutton's address it was moved and carried that the conference adopt the plan of his visitation over the conference with our President.

Dr. Frank Stephenson's splendid address was greatly enjoyed by all.

Motion prevailed to fix the place for the next conference to convene. Mt. Zion, Chatham and Jonesboro were placed in nomination.

After the vote was taken Mt. Zion church near Montgomery, La., was declared the place and the time was fixed for the conference to convene Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1936, at 10:00 a. m.

Rev. Ira L. Yeager was elected to preach the opening sermon.

Motion to adjourn.

The pulpit was most ably filled at the evening hour by Dr. Sutton.

Night Session—Second Day

Conference called to order by the President.

Conference Treasurer submitted report which was adopted.

REPORT ANNUAL CONFERENCE TREASURER

Accrued amount for General Conference Delegate Fund at the close of Conference, 1934		$93.94
Credits for General Conference Claims		$150.95
Received for Annual Conference claims		$126.96
Church Extension Board	$25.39	
Annual Conference Journal	$28.56	
Annual Conference Secretary	$28.56	
Annual Conference Treasurer	$12 69	
General Conference Delegate	$12.69	
Superannuate Fund	$19.04	
Present amount General Conference Delegate Fund		$112.98

Respectfully: I. L. YEAGER.

Secretary of the Church Extension Board submitted report which was adopted.

REPORT CHURCH EXTENSION BOARD

In treasury at the close of Annual Conference, 1934		$102.70
Dec. 7, 1934, Credit, Conference Journal account		27.72
May 15, 1934, Check to Bastrop Bank & Trust Co. Interest and insurance, Brazeal Chapel	$30.00	
Oct. 24, 1934, Received on loan to Colfax church		5.00
Oct. 26, 1934, Amount authorized by committee on finance for church extension		25.39
Balance in treasury		$130.81

Respectfully: I. L. YEAGER

Committee on Mutual Benefit Association submitted report which was adopted.

RESOLUTION MUTUAL BENEFIT ASSOCIATION

We your Committee on the Annual Conference Benevolent Association recommend:

1. That a president and secretary be elected at this conference and that the secretary solicit members for the association and that each new member pay $2.00 to join, $1.00 for secretary, and $1.00 for death claims. And that at the death of a member secretary assess the membership $2.10; $2 00 to go to beneficiary and 10c to secretary.

We further recommend that the secretary make an itemized report to the annual conference for its approval. Respectfully submitted:

J. W. LEE
LULA WARDLOW
L. A. BODIE, Committee

Committee on Thanks submitted report which was adopted.

THANKS

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to the good people of the town of Chatham for the royal way in which they have entertained this annual conference.

We also wish to thank the good pastor, the Rev. Bro. Corley for his untiring efforts to make this session of the annual conference just what it should be.

We would not forget the reception committee who found such lovely homes in which we have lived these conference days, and also those who labored so faithfully in the dining hall preparing sumptuous meals for us.

We thank one and all who contributed to our comfort, and pray the choicest blessings of our Heavenly Father to rest upon Chatham and her good people, and may the memories of this 89th session of the annual conference of the Methodist Protestant church forever live with you.

Yours sincerely:

C. J. T. COTTON
MRS. P. C. TAYLOR
W. S. DUNN, Committee.

Committee on Superannuated Fund submitted report which was adopted.

SUPERANNUATED

We your committee on Resolutions beg leave to supplement our previous report:

Whereas, we do not have adequate funds to care for our retired ministers and their wives;

And whereas we do not have a definite system to raise such funds;

And whereas we do not have a committee to proportion such funds and to recommend such persons qualified for superannuation;

Therefore be it resolved:

1. That each pastor, evangelist, and conference missionary be required to receive an offering in each and every revival that he shall hold or cause to be held in the conference and that said offering shall be sent immediately to the treasurer of said superannuate committee. The failure of any minister to comply with the above shall be assessed the sum of ($5.00) Five Dollars for each meeting held or his character shall not be passed by the Conference.

2. That a committee composed of three ministers shall be elected by this conference for a term of three years, one member being elected each year, whose duties it will be:

a. To pass on the qualifications of all ministers applying for superannuate relationship to the conference and to recommend same to the conference.

b. To receive all monies raised for superannuates through this special system and distribute to each superannuate the accumulated fund proportionately on the basis of time served in the Methodist Protestant Church as an itinerant minister.

Respectfully submitted:

F. L. HEARNE
MORRIS LEE
L. A. BODIE, Committee

Rev. J. R. Downs, superintendent of the Home of the Good Samaritan addressed the Conference in the interest of the Home. His report was unanimously adopted.

Motion prevailed to adjourn. The congregation sang "God Be With You 'Till We Meet Again." Benediction by Rev. G. J. L. Brown, October 26th, 1935.

Thus another annual conference of the Methodist Protestant Church of the Louisiana District becomes history.

The Sabbath Day

The Sabbath Day was begun with a very sacred Memorial service dedicated to the memory of Rev. John A. Riley, who passed to his reward during the year.

Dr. Frank Stephenson filled the pulpit at the morning hour. The Cook Trio was a benediction bringing many sweet messages in song.

— APPOINTMENTS —

PLACE	CHURCHES	PASTOR
Monroe	Monroe	I. A. Yeager
Arcadia	Bethlehem Black Lake Cross Roads Spring Hill	Paul Durbin
Ansley	Ansley	C. A. Calhoun
Strickland	Clear Creek Bethel Barons Chapel	Bro. H. E. LaCroix
Bentley	Dry Prong Bentley Spring Hill Ball	J. T. Garrett
Chatham	Chatham Concord Zoar	E. W. Corley
Grayson	Grayson	J. W. Lee
Kelly	Kelly Shiloh Sardis	F. L. Hearne
Jena	Jena Beulah	I. A. Patton
Urania	Urania	F. L. Hearne
Hicks	Mt. Zion Lewis Chapel	J. A. Jones
Winnfield	Couley Winnfield	G. A. McVey
Colfax	Colfax	Rev. Lula Wardlow
Jonesboro	Jonesboro	Rev. Mary Perdue
Luna	Luna	J. W. Lee
Antioch	Antioch	Unsupplied
Dodson	Dodson	Morris Lee

PLACE	CHURCHES	PASTOR
New Hope	New Hope	Morris Lee
Pine Grove	Mt. Pleasant Pine Grove Walnut Grove Hickory Grove	E. O. Hearne
Campbell	Campbells Chapel	J. A. Jones
Heflin	Heflin	W. F. Ragsdale
Queen City	Courtland Knights Bluff	B. F. Griffin
Evergreen	Evergreen Antioch	C. J. T. Cotton
Center Point	Center Point	I. A. Patton
Bastrop	Bastrop	J. B. Blackman
Mt. Nebo	Mt. Nebo Bethel	R. H. Hearne
Bear Creek	Bear Creek	Tilman Brown, sup.
Pollock	Pollock	Unsupplied
Hollins Chapel	Hollins Chapel	L. A. Bodie
Sunrise	Sunrise	I. A. Patton

CONFERENCE EVANGELIST

Mrs. M. E. Bartlett G. J. L. Brown

CONFERENCE MISSIONARIES

W. T. Waller, G. W. Rockhold, J. F. Reid, Walter Dunn
J. R. DOWNS, General Rescue Missionary and Superintendent of the Good Samaritan

WITHOUT APPOINTMENT

Charles Moore, R. M. Walker, J. W. Patton, Lizzie Lewis, Russell Kitchen, J. R. Strozier, Mrs. Ola Ramsey, E. H. Grant.

IN SCHOOL

T. E. Strickland J. E. Garlington

SUPERANNUATED

H. H. Cantley, J. H. Lewis

BY-LAWS

Section 1. No delegates shall be entitled to a seat in the annual conference without proper credentials or other satisfactory evidence of his election; and in case of alternate, the certificate shall so express it.

Section 2. Delegates to the annual conference shall be elected from the members in good standing and in full membership, over the age of fifteen years. In circuits, stations, and missions, it shall be the duty of the Steward to designate the time and place and give notice of election. The election shall be held under the direction of the Stewards; and they shall act as judges of the election and cause the same to be returned to the Fourth Quarterly Conference, there to be compiled and consolidated. The person or persons receiving a plurality vote shall be declared duly elected delegate or delegates, and receive certificates accordingly; providd that in the case of a tie, members of Quarterly Conference, by a majority vote shall decide; and provided further that in case the delegates and alternate elected from any work are providentially hindered from attended the annual conference to which they were elected then the pastor in charge shall have the right to appoint a suitable person to represent the work in the conference. That no one, especially the men shall be allowed to vote for delegate who does not contribute regularly for the support of the pastor and the claims of the general and annual conference.

Section 3. No person shall be elected to orders, except they be persons of exceptional moral character, genuine piety, respectable attainment and sound in the belief of the fundamental doctrine of christianity and faithful in the discharge of gospel duties.

Section 4. No minister in good health shall be left without ministerial work for more than two years at the end of which time he shall resume his itinerate labors, or be transferred to the unstationed list, and if so transferred shall receive a certificate of his standing. This rule shall apply to any minister so transferred provided he, at his own request, may locate by vote of the conference.

Section 5. No minister or preacher appointed to a circuit, station or mission, shall cease from labors assigned him by the stationing authority until his term of service shall have expired, except by consent of the president, for reason by him deemed expedient.

Section 6. The Secretary shall furnish each pastor with a condensed blank Pastors report at least ten days prior to the opening of each session of the annual conference that each pastor during the morning of the second day of conference hand their reports to the committee on pastors reports and that as soon as passed upon by committee and conference, said report shall be delivered to conference steward for his action, then to the statistical secretary for final disposition. Should any pastor fail to comply with this rule for the first offense he shall be reprimanded by the president and for the second offense shall be located by a majority vote of the conference. That the evangelists and conference missionaries read their reports to the conference. We recommend that when the president visits a pastoral charge, that he first converse freely with the pastor as to the spiritual and financial condition of the charge and that he insist on a strict obedience to the vows made when uniting with the church.

Section 7. The Board of Stewards of each Charge shall soon after the adjournment of the annual conference meet and in connection with the pastor proportion the assessment made by the Fourth Quarterly Conference for the support of the pastor. The proportion to be made to each class according to ability and willingness to pay and that the Stewards see that the same is paid promptly and in connection with Section 7, we recommend that each Steward keep a non-effective roll noting those that are able and do not contribute to the support of the pastor, the president, and to the general interest of the church and that the Stewards notify the pastor of the number of members that do not help support the church.

Section 8. On all subjects involving the financial interest of the church no one shall be entitled to vote except those who are eighteen years of age and are contributing members in full membership.

Section 9. Any member twenty-one years of age and in good standing and in full membership for one year is eligible to any office in the church and as a delegate to the annual conference; provided that where a church, circuit, station, or

mission has no member of said age, they may place in office in the church or elect as delegate to the annual conference such as are not twenty-one years of age and such as have not been members one year.

Section 10. Due notice shall be given previous to any action to be taken that involves the financial interest of the church.

Section 11. The term of office of Conference Steward shall be one year.

Section 12. The Conference Steward shall be required to receive and hold all moneys collected for various benevolent purposes from the different Charges, also Conference collections.

Section 13. It shall be the duty of the conference steward to settle all incidental expenses of the conference out of the conference collections during the session and present the remainder to the conference for disbursement.

Section 14. He shall pay over to the different boards or persons authorized to receive same all money received for the various benevolent purposes taking receipt and at which any other business in his hands shall make proper exhibit to the conference during the session at which he was appointed also at the expiration of his term of office.

Section 15. At the first quarterly conference of each conference year the pastor shall call attention to the amount of the assessment made by the fourth quarterly conference for his support during the year. Immediately after each quarterly conference the pastor shall call attention of each class to the amount of his salary that is unpaid and in case the pastor neglects to do this, the Steward will not be held responsible if the full amount is not paid.

Section 16. There shall be appointed at each session of the annual conference a minister or preacher to preach an opening sermon at the sitting of the next annual session.

Section 17. The proceedings of the annual conference shall be recorded by the secretary and properly arranged for printing in the annual minutes for which she shall receive reasonable compensation and the minutes shall be signed by the President and the Secretary.

Section 18. The secretary shall take charge of all books and journals, records and proceedings of the conference and transmit the same to the conference at its next session.

Section 19. The President shall be stationing authority of the conference, calling to his aid as council one layman from each work represented.

Section 20. In stationing the ministers and preachers, there shall not be given to any one appointment who in the opinion of a majority of the members is incompetent for the duties thereof, or who they believe will neglect the appointments and such ministers and preachers may be transferred by conference to the unstationed list; provided that no minister or preacher who in the judgment of the conference is entitled to a superannuated relationship shall be transferred.

Section 21. It will be the duty of the President to see that deeds be taken to all the church property belonging to the Methodist Protestant Church in the Louisiana District and have same recorded.

Section 22. That the President, Secretary, Conference Steward and Standing District Committee shall be elected at 3:00 o'clock p. m., on the first day of each annual session of the Louisiana Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church.

Section 23. These By-Laws can only be changed, altered, or amended by giving one day's notice in open conference or such change, alteration or amendment and it will require a two-thirds vote of the members belonging to that session of the conference.

RULES OF ORDER

Section 1. The Conference shall be opened promptly on the day and time appointed, the president conducting the devotional services. The roll shall then be called, after which the president shall read the annual report.

Section 2. During the morning of the second day of conference all ministers and preachers under appointment of this conference shall hand their reports to the committee on Pastors' Report.

Section 3. On assigning the floor to any member of the conference he shall distinctly announce the member to whom it is assigned.

Section 4. All motions and resolutions shall be written if the President and Secretary request.

Section 5. When a motion is seconded or a resolution introduced and seconded, or a report presented and is read by the Secretary, or is stated by the President, it shall be deemed in the possession of the Conference any time before the amendment or decision.

Section 6. All motions to postpone, or lay on the table shall be taken without debate.

Section 7. No new motion or resolution shall be entertained until the one under consideration has been disposed of which may be done by adopting or rejecting, unless one of the following motions shall intervene, which are placed namely: First, indefinite postponement; Second, laying on the table; Third, referred to a committee; Fourth, postponement to a given time; Fifth, substitute; Sixth, amendment. A substitute may be amended.

Section 8. When any member is about to speak in debate or delivera any matter to the Conference, he shall arise and respectfully address the President but shall not proceed until recognized by him.

Section 9. No member shall be interrupted while speaking except by the President to call him to order when he departs from the question or uses personalities or disrespectful language; but any member may call the attention of the president to the subject when he deems a speaker out of order and any member may explain when he thinks himself misrepresented.

Section 10. When a member wishes to speak on a question of privilege he shall briefly state the question, but it shall not be in order for him to proceed until the President shall decide it a privileged question.

Section 11. No person shall speak more than twice on the same question nor more than five minutes at one time without leave of the conference; nor shall any member speak more than once until every member choosing to speak has spoken; provided, however, that the mover of a resolution or a committee making a report shall in all cases be entitled to five minutes to close the debate.

Section 12. When a motion or resolution shall have been voted upon by the conference it shall be inorder for any member who voted with the prevailing side to move a reconsideration but a motion to reconsider is a non-debatable motion, and must be decided without debate.

Section 13. No person shall absent himself from the conference without leave, unless he is sick or unable to attend.

Section 14. No member shall be allowed to vote on any question who is not within the Bar when such question is put by the President except by leave of the Conference when he shall be necessarily absent.

Section 15. Every member who is in the Bar at the time the question is put shall give his vote, unless the conference for special reason excuse him.

Section 16. It shall be in order for any member to call for the ayes and nays on any question before the conference and if the call be sustained by one-third of the members present, the vote shall be taken by the ayes and nays.

Section 17. It shall be in order to move the question be taken without further debate on any measure pending before the conference except in cases where character is involved.

Section 18. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order and shall be decided without debate.

Section 19. The president shall appoint the chairman of committees on subjects of general interest and notify each chairman of his appointment at least ten days before each session of the conference.

Section 20. The committee on examination shall be appointed one year in advance and meet at next annual conference one day prior to convening of that body and that the under-graduates meet such committee for the purpose of being examined in their studies. Failure on the part of the under-graduates with this requirement (unless providentially hindered) forfeits their opportunity to meet the committee during that session of conference.

Section 21. No minister or preacher who are members of this conference shall intrude themselves on any station, circuit or mission without first receiving an invitation or permission from the pastor in charge.

TABLE I—MEMBERSHIP

Charge	Pastor	Appointments	Members Reported Last Year	Additions	Removals	Present Membership	Professions	Baptisms	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	C. E. Societies	Membership	Mis. Societies	Members	Ch. Paper Subs
Ansley	I. L. Yeager	1	84	2	2	84	4		1	10	40	1	20	1		
Arcadia	B. P. Durbin	4	208	1	3	206	6	1	1	11	40	1	30	1	18	
Antioch	J. A. Strozier	1	21	1	1	21										
Bentley	J. T. Garrett	4	180	12	1	191	38	7	2	16	131	1	57	1	8	1
Brazeal Chapel	J. B. Blackburn	1	8	14	2	20	15		1	7	51	1	20			
Bear Creek	Tilman Brown	1							1	8	65	1	70	1		2
Cambells Chapel	J. B. Blackburn	1	108			108			1	8	60	1	50			1
Chatham	E. W. Corley	4	233	26	9	250	12	8	4	27	185	4	146	1	25	14
Colfax	Lula Wardlow	1	21	16	2	38	15	16	1	8	62			1	17	1
Colley	J. A. McVey	1	9	4	1	12		1								
Dodson	E. H. Grant	1	65	4	1	68	8	5	1	7	46			1	17	1
Evergreen	C. J. T. Cotton	3	93	8	2	99	15	6	1	6	35	1	30			1
Grayson	E. H. Grant	1	182	16	1	197	25	16	1	9	109	2	60	4	40	6
Hicks	Jas. A. Jones	3	262	24	3	283	70	18	2	14	130	2	63	1	12	
Heflin	W. F. Ragsdale	1	42		1	41	6		1	5	25					
Jonesboro	M. E. Perdue	1	45	10	2	53		10	1	5	60	1	16			1
Jena	I. A. Patton	2	93	3		96	10	5	1	5	35					
Kellye	F. L. Hearne	4	174	32	4	206	82	12	4	31	191	2	98	3	52	12
Luna	J. W. Lee	1	25	3		28	3	3	1	5	25					1
Monroe	I. L. Yeager	1	103	4	2	105	4	3	1	9	113	1	25	2	20	
Mt. Nebo	R. H. Hearne	2	90	1		91	20		2	16	105	2	85	2	32	
New Hope	I. A. Patton	1	100	20		120	25	10	1	5	50					
Pine Grove	J. A. Strozier	3	111	20	2	129	30	14	2	11	91	3	125	2	20	1
Queen City	B. F. Griffin	2	99	14	2	111		1	1	4	25					1
Strickland	G. A. McVey	3	202	9	4	207	35	9	2	15	125			1	14	
Sunrise	I. A. Patton	1	40	17		55	10	5	1	6	50					
Urania	F. L. Hearne	1	62	5		67	2	2						1	12	
Winnfield	L. A. Bodie	1	48			48			1	7	20					
TOTALS		51	2678	266	45	2934	435	142	36	255	1849	24	895	22	287	43

TABLE II—PROPERTY

Charge	Pastor	No. Ch. Bldgs.	Value Church Buildings	Debt on Churches	Insurance on Churches	No. Parsonages	Value of Parsonages	Insurance on Parsonages	Value Other Property
Arcadia	B. P. Durbin	4	$4500			1	$1600	$1000	
Antioch	J. A. Strozier	1	1000						
Bentley	J. T. Garrett	4	6000			1	1000		
Brazeal Chapel	J. B. Blackburn	1	2000	$ 265	$1000				
Bear Creek	Tilman Brown	1	1000						
Cambells Chapel	J. B. Blackburn	1	2000						
Chatham	E. W. Corley	4	5000		1000	1	2000		$1500
Colfax	Lula Wardlow	1	1200	14					
Colley	J. A. McVey	1	60						
Dodson	E. H. Grant	1	1000						
Evergreen	C. J. T. Cotton	3	1500			1	200		
Grayson	E. H. Grant					1	2000		
Hicks	Jas. A. Jones	3	2000	224		1	1000		
Heflin	W. F. Ragsdale	1	600						
Jonesboro	M. E. Perdue	1	2000		1000				300
Jena	I. A. Patton	2	2000						
Kelly	F. L. Hearne	4	3000			1	750		150
Luna	J. W. Lee	1	500						
Monroe	I. L. Yeager	1	7500		1000	1	3500	1000	
Mt. Nebo	R. H. Hearne	1	800						
New Hope	I. A. Patton	1	1000						
Pine Grove	J. A. Strozier	3	2000						
Queen City	B. F. Griffin	2	1000						100
Strickland	G. A. McVey	3	1800						
Sunrise	I. A. Patton	1	1500						
Urania	F. L. Hearne	1	1500	750					
Winnfield	L. A. Bodie	1	1000						
TOTALS		48	53660	$1253	$4000	8	12050	$2000	$2050

TABLE III—FINANCE

Charge	Pastor	Promised Pastor	Parsonage Rent	Paid Pastor (Cash)	Raised for Church Improvement	Raised on Church Debt	Raised for Current Expenses	Raised by Sunday School	Raised by C. E.	Raised for President	Raised for Annual Conference Claims	Raised H. M. Easter Offering	Raised F. M. Childrens Day	Raised Education Rally Day	Missionary Society	Other Gen. Con. Interests	Total by Pastors
Ansley	I. L. Yeager	$480		$501.50	$ 75.00		$ 80.00	$ 89.05		$ 70.00	$ 10.18	$5.14			$105.50		$ 936.38
Arcadia	B. P. Durbin	400	120	407.00	38.00		387.35	24.50	18.25	63.15	19.25	1.25	1.50	3.45	12.00		1095.70
Antioch	J. A. Strozier	90		94.00						32.71	8.00						134.71
Bentley	J. T. Garrett	316	40	285.95	37.25		135.00	42.21	18.04	37.11	2.25	3.25	3.50	2.50	56.65		623.96
Brazeal Chapel	J. B. Blackburn			45.00		30.00		20.00	5.00								105.00
Bear Creek	Tilman Brown			120.00				11.52	5.00	7.05							143.57
Cambells Chapel	J. B. Blackburn	200		155.00			20.00	14.00	8 00		2.50						199.50
Chatham	E. W. Corley	600		753.00		80.00		50.00	30.00	65.00		4.18	3.50	4.05	41.55		1031.08
Coltax	Lula Wardlow	125		129.62	128.47	5.00	64.88	23.97		18.75	5.00	5.00			5.00	3.00	388.69
Colley	J. A. McVey	60		61.25						5.15		2.10					68.50
Dodson	E. H. Grant	175		165.00				26.30		22 00		2.00	1.00				216.80
Evergreen	C. J. T. Cotton	135	60	102.18				9.71	16.00	17.43	3.00	1.75	1.00	2.00		2.10	155.17
Grayson	E. H. Grant	1200	180	1000.00	57.55	29.53	11.61	250.78	15.00	120.00	35.00	17.80	5.00	17.90	111.50	6.80	1857.61
Hicks	Jas. A. Jones	450	60	407.82		50.00		34.63	18.39	28.55				10.00	33.89		583.28
Heflin	W. F. Ragsdale	65		45.00						2.70							47.70
Jonesboro	M. E. Perdue	300		265.50	120 00		100.00	24.00	25.00	28.33	17.10						589.93
Jena	I. A. Patton	250		150.00						7.00			5.00				162.00
Kelly	F. L. Hearne	430	69	423.02	4.75		202.37	144.78	57.54	66.35	7.06	8.50			32.74	11.00	959.11
Luna	I. W. Lee	60		60 00			85.00	10.50		8.00	6.50						160.00
Monroe	I. L. Yeager	900	129	922 00		45.00	176.00	115.00	28.00	100.00	14.44	5.72	5.00	5.50	52.76		1604.02
Mt. Nebo	R. H. Hearne	350		338 90	65.00	167.57	57.23	43.00			13.40	1.25	2.00		21.56		775.09
New Hope	I. A. Patton	200		115.00		35.00				11.00							161.00
Pine Grove	I. A. Strozier	150		123.39	30.00		20.00	20.57	52.28	10 57	17.50	3 25	2.75	1.00	7.72	1.00	290.03
Queen City	B. F. Griffin	250		200.00			30 00	15.00		9.14	3.70						267.84
Strickland	G. A. McVey	275		197.00				55.00		16.40				7.52	17.45		291.43
Sunrise	I. A. Patton	200		110.00	15.00					10.10							135.10
Urania	F. L. Hearne	120		123.00		47.00				18.00	7.22				18.00		202.64
Winnfield	I. A. Bodie	75		22.55			24.50	9 26		5.43							61.74
TOTALS		7846	$658	7322.28	$571.02	$489 10	1393.94	1043.78	$296 50	$769.92	$173.10	61.19	30.25	53.92	$526.32	54.90	$12346 58

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